

U.S. EPA MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

ON AN INTEGRATED OUTREACH PROCESS FOR OZONE, PARTICULATE MATTER AND REGIONAL HAZE

The Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is initiating an integrated outreach effort to solicit input on development of implementation issues associated with: 1) the potential revision of the ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS); 2) the potential revision of the particulate matter NAAQS; and 3) development of a regional haze rule. This effort will include various stakeholders (State, local and tribal government agencies, industry, and environmental interest groups, etc.) in the development of implementation policies/guidance and 40 CFR Part 51 rules for ozone, particulate matter and regional haze. To do this, we are forming a Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) subcommittee under the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee.

As a first step, we are holding an information gathering meeting in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, on August 1-2, 1995, to begin the outreach effort. The purpose of this fact finding meeting is to have an interactive discussion with State, local and tribal agencies on joint issues associated with implementation of the air quality programs listed above. The purpose of this announcement is to invite you to participate in the August meeting.

The focus of the meeting will be on the following topics:

- 1) Designations of NAAQS nonattainment boundaries, accounting for long range transport and atmospheric transformation of pollutants**
- 2) Application and interpretation of monitored data for purposes of designations and transport regions**

Attached is a list of selected questions related to the topics mentioned above that will be used to start the discussion at the meeting. Prior to the meeting, we will forward background information relating to the attached questions to individuals who register for the meeting.

The target audience for the August 1-2 meeting is the air planning and monitoring policy staff from the State, local, and tribal agencies.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please register by contacting: Virginia Wyatt at (919) 541-5628 by July 20, 1995. Upon registration, we will forward you additional materials. If you are unable to attend but would like to submit written comments on the above topic areas, please send them to: Virginia Wyatt (MD-15), Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27701, by July 28, 1995.

For your information, a Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting is being held in Research Triangle Park on August 3-4, 1995, to review the particulate matter criteria document, which forms the scientific basis of the standard review.